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SUBJ: FALL OF MARDOM PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL

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SUMMARY: LOCAL PRESS DECEMBER 29 ANNOUNCED OUSTER OF MARDOM PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL NASSER AMERI. NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS STATE AMERI WAS FORCED TO RESIGN DUE TO PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE CRITICISM OF HIS AUTOCRATIC WAYS AND HIS ATTACKS ON CONDUCT OF RECENT LOCAL ELECTIONS. REAL REASON, ACCORDING TO HIGH MARDOM OFFICIAL, IS DISSATISFACTION OF SHAH OVER RECENT STRONG MARDOM ATTACKS ON BUDGET BILL AND CAUSTIC REMARKS AMERI ALLEGEDLY MADE REGARDING SHAH-PEOPLE REVOLUTION. PRESS TIPS MARDOM WHIP HOLAKU RAMBOD TO SUCCEED AMERI. END SUMMARY.

1. FARSI AND FOREIGN LANGUAGE PRESS DECEMBER 29 ANNOUNCED RESIGNATION OF MARDOM PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL NASSER AMERI. DURING HIS 18 MONTHS IN OFFICE AMERI, WHO HAD ACCEPTED POST RELUCTANTLY, FIRST PURGED AND THEN GAVE APPEARANCE OF UNITY TO PARTY, CROWNING HIS ACHIEVEMENTS WITH SUCCESSFUL MARDOM PARTY CONGRESS (SEE REFTTEL). ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS AMERI WAS PERSUADED TO RESIGN MY MARDOM CENTRAL COMMITTEE WHICH ACCUSED HIM OF ABRASIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHER PARTY LEADERS AND OF HOLDING PARTY UP TO  
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PUBLIC RIDICULE THROUGH HIS ATTACKS ON RESULTES AND PROCE-

DURES OF RECENT LOCAL ELECTIONS. AMERI WAS REPORTEDLY TAKEN ABACK BY THESE CRITICISMS AND IMMEDIATELY TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION AT SUGGESTION OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

2. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM HIGH-LEVEL MARDOM PARTY OFFICIAL THAT REAL REASON FOR DISMISSAL WAS SHAH'S DISPLEASURE WITH AMERI'S RECENT ATTACKS ON PERFORMANCE OF HOVEYDA GOVERNMENT AND HIS PLANNED SPEECH IN MAJLES STRONGLY CRITICIZING PROPOSED BUDGET FOR COMING YEAR. PURPOSE OF EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF INCIDENT, ACCORDING TO SAME SOURCE, WAS TO MAKE EXAMPLE OF AMERI FOR OTHERS WHO MIGHT GO TOO FAR IN CRITICIZING GOVERNMENT.

3. FRONT-RUNNER FOR AMERI'S POSITION IS HEAD OF MARDOM PARTY FACTION IN MAJLES, HOLAKU RAMBOD, WHO IS MOST POWERFUL MAN NOW ACTIVE IN MARDOM PARTY AND HAS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE WITH PARTY RANK-AND-FILE.

4. COMMENT: WE DOUBT RAMBOD WANTS JOB ALTHOUGH HE MAY FEEL HE HAS TO TAKE IT. EXPERIENCE OF TWO MOST RECENT INCUMBENTS, AMERI AND ALI NAQI KANI, HAS MADE CLEAR THAT MARDOM SECRETARY GENERALSHIP IS EXPOSED POSITION WHICH DOES NOT HELP A POLITICAL CAREER. IN ADDITION, RAMBOD IS PRIMARILY A BEHIND-THE-SCENES OPERATOR.  
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